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## ITALY.

*Report from Naples—Inspection of vessels.*

Passed Assistant Surgeon Eager reports, January 4, as follows: During the week ended January 2, 1904, the following ships were inspected at Naples:

| Date.   | Name of ship. | Destination.   | Steerage passengers inspected and passed. | Pieces of large baggage inspected and passed. | Pieces of baggage disinfected. | Number of steerage passengers recommended for rejection. |
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| Dec. 29 | Romanic.....  | Boston .....   | 551                                       | 110   | 843                            | 17   |
| 30      | Germania..... | New York ..... | 474                                       | 100   | 880                            | 18   |

## JAPAN.

*Report from Yokohama—Nagasaki declared clean—Summary of plague in Formosa.*

Assistant Surgeon Moore reports, December 19, as follows:

Week ended December 12, 1903: Five vessels, having an aggregate personnel of 588 crew and 637 passengers, were inspected; 155 steerage passengers were bathed and their clothing was disinfected.

For the above period contagious diseases were reported in Yokohama as follows: Enteric fever, 4 cases, no deaths; diphtheria, 10 cases, 1 death. For a period of three weeks no new cases of plague have been reported in this city.

The city of Nagasaki, where recently a threatening outbreak of cholera developed, is now regarded as a clean port. Press reports state that plague bacilli were discovered in the bodies of three rats in Tokyo on December 8. I am not aware, however, that any cases of human plague or cholera have occurred for several weeks past in Japan (excluding Formosa).

A case of plague was reported as occurring in Formosa as lately as December 15, thus making the total in that island for the present year 869 cases, with 702 deaths.

*Foreign and insular statistical reports of countries and cities—Yearly and monthly.*

AFRICA—*Lourenço Marques*.—Month of October, 1903. Estimated population, 7,000. Total number of deaths, 61, including 9 from tuberculosis.

*Sierra Leone*.—Two weeks ended December 11, 1903. Estimated population, 40,000. Total number of deaths, 31. No contagious diseases.

CANADA—*British Columbia—Vancouver*.—Month of December, 1903. Estimated population, 29,000. Number of deaths not reported. No deaths from contagious diseases reported.

*Quebec—Sherbrooke*.—Month of December, 1903. Estimated popu-